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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rickey D. Hart et al.  
Serial No.: 09/875,588  
Filing Date: 06/06/01  
For: SURGICAL FASTENING SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR USING THE SAME  
Group Art Unit: 3731  
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Sir:

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At the time of filing of Application Serial No. 08/560,111, which the above-identified application is a child case thereof, Applicants qualified for small entity status. However, since Applicant now qualifies as a large entity, the statutory basic filing fee, additional claim fees, surcharge fee, and petition fee submitted on March 14, 2002 were paid on the basis of Large Entity status.

Accordingly, please reverse the credit to Deposit Account No. 16-0221 in the amount of \$1,075.00 so as to pay the above-identified fees, as originally submitted, on the basis of Large Entity status.

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